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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Book Signing with Author Michael H. Styles of *Captain Hogan: Sailor, Merchant, Diplomat on Six Continents* at the Mary Riley Styles Public Library**

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – Michael H. Styles, author of *Captain Hogan: Sailor, Merchant, Diplomat on Six Continents*, and grandson of the Library's namesake Mary Riley Styles, will talk about his book and sign copies at the Mary Riley Styles Public Library, 120 N. Virginia Avenue in Falls Church, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 13. Styles, a retired foreign service officer, was inspired to write this book because he is in possession of the letters and other memorabilia of Michael Hogan, his triple great grandfather, and found many others in archives around the world. The price of the book is \$22.95 and can be purchased that evening for the author to sign.

This true-life story of Captain Michael Hogan (1766-1833) is set in the rich historical context of the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. His adventures as “seaman, merchant, and diplomat” begin as a youth in the Royal Navy, and then he becomes a merchant and ship’s captain. He builds a ship in India to engage in “illegal” trade with Europe, carries mutinous Irish convicts to Australia, and then he and his family move to New York City where he is toasted as an Oriental merchant prince. His story continues in this book of rich tales and accounts of global trade long before globalization had established itself.

The public is cordially invited to attend the talk, meet the author, and enjoy refreshments. Please contact the Mary Riley Styles Public Library at 703-248-5030 or visit <http://www.falls-church.lib.va.us/> for more information.

**WHAT:** Book Signing, Author Michael H. Styles, *Captain Hogan: Sailor, Merchant, Diplomat on Six Continents*  
**WHEN:** Thursday, May 13, 2004  
**TIME:** 7 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Mary Riley Styles Public Library  
120 N. Virginia Avenue  
Falls Church, VA 22046

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